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## Students Advised of Latent Abilities

### UN Delegate Speaks At MBA

Monday, February 23, Major Jan Eisenhart, the Danish delegate to the United Nations Conference at Lake Success, New York, gave a talk at M. B. A. This talk was received with enthusiasm by the students.

Although he told us about the sports of European countries along with several good jokes, the main content of his speech was of a more serious nature.

Since war isn't necessary if we believe in peace, what can we do to further that peace, and to show our belief in that peace, the Major asked. Some of this own suggestions were: to be come better citizens through good sportsmanship; to create a "U. N." in our families, our schools, our city and our state so that our influence may be felt in the rest of the world; to tolerate the opinions of others and give them due consideration; and above all, not to waste food.

Major Eisenhart stressed this last point in particular. He said that a European could be fed on the scraps each American leaves on his plate. To help feed the starving people of Europe he did not advocate that we eat less. Merely to waste less would be sufficient.

Waste is one of the crimes we here at M. B. A. are guilty of which could be remedied. We may help the European food problem greatly, as Major Eisenhart has said, if we would only leave a clean plate after every meal.

### Library News

Of the many volumes recently added to our library, there are four which are particularly outstanding.

One of these, *The American Past*, is a history of the United States. It is the only history book of its kind, using over one thousand pictures taken directly from our magazines and newspapers of the past. It is complete from Concord to Hiroshima (1775-1945) even prying into the lives of many prominent historical figures. It tells how President John Adams got up every morning at five and went swimming "jaybird" in the Potomac, how Washington had to borrow money to get from Virginia to his inauguration. Thus the story is written in the terms of the people who took part in it.

Special events are easily found because at the top of each page are two dates telling the period which that particular page covers. The author was once the National Affairs Editor of Life, and he has presented this book in much the same manner of that magazine.

Another of these fine books is *A Treasury of Art Masterpieces*. These are the most famous works of artists from the Renaissance to the present day. The paintings themselves are produced in full color directly from the originals. Opposite each picture is a discussion of the painting, the artist, the effect of the painting, and other such information which will help us to get more out of them.

The paintings are grouped together by schools: American, French, Italian, etc., in chronological order.

The other two books of exceptional interest are bird books. One, *Birds of America*, is a collection of photographs and paintings by several artists, while the other, *The Birds of America*, is by Audubon. Although Audubon's pictures

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### The New Look

#### Coke Machine Graces Gym

Ever since the Academy was founded in 1867, two questions have been foremost in the minds of the student body. First, when will we get senior privileges? Second, when will we get "coke"? As for the former, only one man, who thus far has been as silent as the Egyptian Sphinx, can answer. The latter, however, is easily answered by anyone familiar with the Hill from Coach to the smallest boy in the first form. The shiny new "coke" machine in the gym is indeed the result of many an M. B. A. boy's prayer.

But . . . remember. The machine is here only on a trial basis. If we students lose and break the bottles or in other ways violate the rules regarding the mechanical salesman, it will be swiftly removed.

Another question around school was raised by the appearance of the new juke box. Some of the boys think that since this phonograph is used so few times, it could be put to excellent use in the cafeteria. And although Mr. Sager has been the image of Petrillo in this matter, upon request he might allow an arrangement to be made so as music could be enjoyed during lunch. Give it a thought. Are you in favor?

### First Semester Comes To End

#### WILLIAMS AGAIN HEADS LIST OF SCHOOL'S BRAINS

"The Moving Finger Writes; and, having Writ,  
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your Tears wash out a word of it."

—Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

Al Williams certainly wishes his Piety, or his Wit, or his Tears could get him another crack at that mid-term average; he only racked up a 95.25. Also lamenting their grades are Bunny Werthan 95.2, Kent Carney 94.5, Walter Noel 94.25, Jackie Duncan 94.2, Jim Patton 94.2, Robert McNeilly 94, Don Wade 94, Dick Cantrell 93.5, Jack Burch 93.4, Lem Stevens 93.4, and Thomas Kennedy 92.8. These boys possess the next nine highest mid-term averages.

John Ambrose 91.25, Bobby Brown 90.8, Bryan 91.5, S. Duncan 90.8, Billy Edwards 91, Ferguson 90.25, Henry Fitts 90.25, John Hollins 92.25, Henry Hooker 90.8, Howell 90, Littenhouse 90.6, Gorden Long 92.5, Jimmy Pelletieri 90.6, Alan Woods 90.25, are all sporting shining visages; it would appear that their grades average out above the ninety mark.

If you didn't do quite so well as these boys remember Omar Khayyam's Moving Finger term, so that like Al you will not have to use your Piety, or your Wit, or your Tears to exhort a 75 out of the teachers.

### Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

News of the week: Cheerleaders much improved; but femininity still lacking. Student body desires W. B. transfers; it might be arranged. Junior playwrights thwarted as S. C. B. arm-bands awarded to faculty members; School Censorship Bureau set up.

... Lovell looks green; hears that Holl Weevils die out in the winter. ... Despite what Hoots says, the songs of the week

Blue LaRue is "He Was Just a Kangaroo Seen Hopping About On His Tail!" While the Auxiliary is raising standards, why don't they raise the water pressure in the Science Building? . . . This poem respectfully dedicated to Tim Nelson:

The sun appears; the snow recedes;  
The ice it melts, and drops like beads.  
The alligators smile in vain;  
Demerit list postponed again.

What boy in what red jeep cruises by West after school for what reason . . . M. B. A. succumbs to Ryan-Fickle Fingers of Fate Function again . . . Fess Hackman goes to golden gloves, yells Murdock is a piker; Murdock leaves ring; Fess hurries home . . . Buzz Davis seen running the campus in surplus landing barges . . . Hugh dances Boiler Room Rag; Study Hall suffers . . . Price and Bainbridge asked me not to mention this month; so I won't . . . Students show profound effect of English classes; dactyl on the rampage . . . Blackard installs siren in car. Police soon to install Blackard in jail. . . This month my guest poet is William Northworth Price; following is our selection, which is affectionately dedicated to Mrs. B.

My Lost Youth  
By W. N. Price  
In the study hall here I sit,  
And from the pit  
I hear the screams  
Of those who are tortured by the  
Crime.

I heard the voice of some demented soul  
Through whose head he drilled a hole,  
And that ancient bard comes back  
no cold:  
"The Head's will is the wind's will  
And the spikes he drives are long,  
long spikes."

The blood is chilled within my veins,  
And from my skin the sweat runs  
as rain,  
As I hear the dreadful moan  
Of one whose comrade to the tomb  
is borne  
And that madman's curse is sung  
in scorn:  
"The Head's will is the wind's will  
And the roads to the grave are  
long, long roads."

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### Vanderbilt Psychology Dept. Gives Vocational Tests

#### It Can't Happen Here

#### M. B. A. Gets Two Holidays

All night January 20th the heavens had showered white snow upon our city; drifts rendering the roads almost impassable. Quickly comprehending the situation, county school superintendent, Mr. Brockett, gave notice that all Davidson County schools would be closed until further notice. No less quick to action was our headmaster; but to action of a very different sort. Quick was he to see that no boy would have an excuse for not appearing at assembly. For several days Mr. Sager withstood the complaints which were heaped on him from every side. Robert argued that it was impossible to replace enough windows to supply the new demand. Mrs. Allen said she couldn't get food for the lunchroom as Coach was unable to fish in the most because of the ice. Mr. Hackman complained that chemical action ceases at -273 C. Even Mrs. Sager turned against her husband; the dogs used to pull the Brentwood hook-up's sled were digging up her yard.

Finally the Big Man could stand it no longer, so buying a large supply of Cremoza he called off class's and retired to his home. Snowballs flew, sleds did likewise, and happiness was king for the two days, January 21st and 22nd. Then it happened Mr. Sager reached the end of his rope. Telephone bells rang in every student's home, each boy being informed of the frightful decision to hold classes.

#### NOTICE

Because of the inefficiency of the make-up editors this space was left blank. Therefore the editors and staff would like to take this opportunity to dedicate a fitting token of their esteem to the talented and especially lovable Mary Helen Bitter, whose wise counsel and advice made possible the correct usage of "because of" at the head of this dedication.  
To her, then, we dedicate—  
a blank.

### ALUMNI NEWS

By Ridley Derryberry

Blocking the lunchroom line in Mrs. A's cafeteria recently was hefty George Griffin, who is currently working at Georgia Tech. George was an M. B. A. student some time before he went into the Navy in 1941. After returning from his Southern Pacific cruise, he took a refresher course at M. B. A. before enrolling at Georgia Tech.

Some of our better known alumni, Nelson Andrews and Ted Dillon, are making news in and around Nashville with the "Tennessee Dewdrops", a very fine orchestra. This writer is sure that very soon offers will come to them from Carnegie Hall or at least the Metropolitan Opera Company. Dur-

Under the guidance of Dr. Albert Thompson, director of tests and research at Vanderbilt University, the senior class was given a series of vocational guidance tests February 24, 25; these will be given also to the junior and sophomore classes. The purpose of these tests is two-fold. First, they will attempt to establish what type of work a student would like to undertake as his vocation; and second, if his ability lies in one of these "preferred" fields. They will not, however, indicate a particular profession or line of work for a boy to enter. The findings of the Vanderbilt staff who is grading the papers will be known to each boy and his parents. This is an excellent opportunity to learn a good deal about a vocation without losing precious time or money.

Six hours is the time required to take the full set of tests which includes questions concerning abstract reasoning, mechanical ability, math, I.Q., and many other fields touching almost every vocation. In order that students might not go stale toward the last six hour period was broken into two half-day shifts. One, meeting in the morning of the first day, the other, in the afternoon of the second, thus a chance for pupils to rest their minds was afforded, and different classes were forfeited each day. Mr. Thompson and his assistants gave the first set of tests with Messrs. Sager and Rule conducting those remaining.

These vocational guidance exams are distributed in the areas by Vanderbilt University, and are held in high esteem for their value. In the past, records have been kept which prove them to be 87% perfect, that is 87 out of a hundred youths entering vocations recommended by the findings of the tests attained reasonable success. On the other hand if a boy enters a field warned against by the tests' findings his chances are one-sixth; or one boy in every six makes the grade in an unrecommended field.

If the results of the tests show that you have a leaning in any particular field Mr. Sager and Mr. Thompson suggest that you follow up this natural advantage by planning your prep and college courses in such a way as to help you in later life. Remember: it is not now too late to turn back, but soon, too soon, it will be. Tempus fugit!

ing 1944-45 the halls of M. B. A. would ring with Nelson Andrews' version of the "Wabash Cannon Ball" and during 1945-46 Ted Dillon would give out with that rafter-shaker, "Little Darling" or that soul-stirring ballad "Old Mountain Dew". We miss the sad notes and the rousing ditties, but are glad our alumni are now numbered with the truly great artists.

A note of apology in due Ken Goodpaster. This writer formerly stated that Ken was studying law at Davidson. However, as Ken told me, "I'm studying, all right, but I'm not studying law." A thousand apologies, Ken, but we know that whatever course you pursue, you will make a success of it.



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**OUR HONOR SYSTEM—TIME FOR A REBIRTH**  
Three years ago, the students of M. B. A. installed the honor system, a pledge of the group to abide by certain rules of honor.

Four years ago none of us comprehended to any great extent what this system meant. Most of us accepted because the Senior Class of that year, one of the finest in current times, endorsed the system so thoroughly. The original plan was to make every student who entered M. B. A. conform to these terms, so that, as the years passed on and with them the opponents to the honor system, the code would become infused into the school just as much as is football or basketball or English or Math. Eighty per cent of the boys agreed to adopt the code. The constitution was adopted, but the system has not succeeded fully, and could lose its value completely. Why?

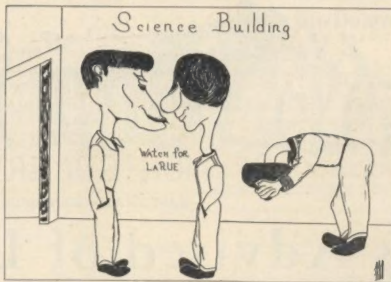
The causes of this partial failure, as I see it, must be traced to several sources. The first reason is that the boys have never been shown the value of a true honor system. The boy does not see that cheating will lead a boy to downright dishonesty in later life, if he succeeds. A boy cheats because he has not learned his work. If he is successful, he will look for easier ways to get what he needs in later life. A man embezzles \$5,000 from a bank, because it is easier than making an honest living. But if he had been shown that he could never succeed he never would have attempted the robbery in the first place. If a boy knows that he cannot get away with cheating, he will not attempt it. And a boy who is not dishonest in high school rarely becomes dishonest in later life.

The second cause may be traced straight to our parents. When we were in the lower grades of grammar school, we came home one day and told mother how Johnny had taken Mary's apple. Our parents did one of three things. They admonished us for "tattle-taling"; they laughed in our faces; or they went straight to Johnny's parents who punished Johnny with, what seemed to us such severity that we resolved never to tell on anyone again. We did not realize how wise Johnny's parents had been in punishing him. Now we look at cheating in one of these ways which our parents have shown us; we are afraid to report it; or we laugh it off; or we are afraid of the consequences to our friend.

The third cause for the failure lies in the teachers. Many of the teachers do not realize that the honor system was a bargain, not a one-sided affair. They want the students to abide by the honor system and yet they do not trust them. How many teachers today would leave a class on an examination as a few teachers have done? And how many boys could cheat under such circumstances? When a teacher shows such confidence in a class, it no longer becomes a test to see how much the student can get away with. It is a test of whether a student is man enough to accept the responsibility and fulfill it. Some of the teachers mock the honor system by failing to take a boy's word as his pledge. Perhaps, too, it is mostly the teachers' fault that the boys have not been indoctrinated to the code.

Then what should we do now to save our waning honor system? Should we let the system die out completely as it is sure to do within a year or two? I think not. I believe that we should start from scratch—discard the old code completely. Give our plan for making M. B. A. tops in character-building a rebirth. First, as was done before, the seniors should be enlisted solidly behind the cause. They should act as delegates to further the understanding of the honor system among the younger boys. They should teach the boys just how much an honor code, if enacted properly could mean to the school. Again a vote should be taken among the entire student body as to whether the code is to be maintained. If the code is upheld, the constitution should be changed so as to make the honor council a living, working organism of the school. The grade school boys who could not perhaps grasp the meaning of the system should not be asked to sign the pledge until they entered high school. A method should be worked out whereby a Senior or a Junior might show the new students the meaning of the Honor code. Perhaps the school should publish a pamphlet giving the constitution, the advantages, and the meaning of the system to the newcomer. In other words every effort should be made to infuse into his character the aspect of honor which is so neglected in many schools.

The time to act is now. If the honor system is not improved it should be dropped, for it is better to have none than a bad one. The responsibility falls first upon the teachers. If they want an honor system, they should set in now to make it effective. Else it must soon fall into ignoble oblivion.



## Class News

## Grade School News

I wonder who the boys with the water guns were?

Coach Allen was very surprised the other day when he came in Miss T's room. I wonder if George "Gle-Plug" Smart had anything to do with it?

Ray (I never remember anything) Scott was taken in by the police. They thought he was a French Poodle.

Mrs. Dixon would like to borrow the stapler, please.

Who is Lochinvar?

The complex sentences have been so numerous in second form English that many are getting complex minds.

The Microbes beat Stokes 22 to 18 in a two minute overtime.

Poem?

The reasons this column is not more,

Is because my arm is so sore.

The reason for this,

Is teacher's great bliss

In giving lessons galore.

## Freshman News

Everything got off with a "bang" this month. The "bang" was Miss Mac shooting "Silence" McDaniel and "Good-boy" Bracy. At the district tournament we saw John Floyd Howell, Craig "Bench-warmer" Fox, and Harold "Too much to Say" Bauer cheering and bumping their heads together.

We have a couple of professional basketball players in our midst (for however you spell it). The lads are Jimmy Ray and Bob Cherry. "Good Luck" in the junior varsity tournament, boys.

If you see Pete "Romeo" Austin or Bob Graham, tell them to quit hitting each other.

—The Vacuum Cleaner."

## Sophomore News

Robert McNeilly reports that he has found a melancholy baby: she has the shape of a melon, the face of a colic.—For a sure tip on the Kentucky Derby, see Mack (The Book) Dixon. Mack has all the dope as anyone can see and says he's on the "inside" of all big deals.—Ever since the Duncan game, Homer (Two-points) Gibbs has been writing over various members of the student body and describing his sensational field goal. The basket didn't count but don't tell Gibbs.

Charley Thompson is sitting pretty in case of legal difficulties; he's been going steady with Jack Norman's daughter.—Some creative genius thought up a stunt night and several sophomores have formed a quartet known as the "Old Four". Three sing while the other one keeps the car ready outside.

Worst joke of the month: Allan Woods has suggested, after seeing the busted limbs and short haircuts of the basketball junior-varsity that they be renamed the Crew-Cut-Clan.

## Junior News

## Question of the Month

1. Where did Jack Burch get poison ivy? Was it poison ivy?  
2. Will the Juniors hang the Confederate flag and J. T. Y. from the flag pole?  
3. Is Mr. Hackman really mad because Ingram broke a thistle

tube and almost cut his hand off? After all thistle tubes are three for a dime.

4. Will Buford Dickerson take Tiny Calvin's shackles?

5. Will Fort Younger last through the Civil War or will it crack up?

6. Will Bob Parrish ever replace Mr. Sager's bell?

7. Doesn't Don Wade really know the workings of the study hall?

8. Will Horn blow up the office safe or will he wait till June to get his water gun?

9. Is Lovell really as dumb as he looks?

10. Did Jarman stumble or was he just falling for another girl?

11. Will any of the English students get over the numerous hurdles in March?

12. Will this reporter be with the paper next month?

Ed. Note—Not if I can help it.

## Senior News

Well, I guess everybody is eagerly waiting the M. B. A. stunt night.

The seniors, although they started off slowly have now made some large steps in the right direction toward having the best stunt and winning the half day off that we have been promised. I warn the juniors that although they are supposed to win this reward that they will really have to go some if they even want to rank a close second. If they knew who we have to direct our play the juniors wouldn't even think of being in the same contest with us. But because we want them to have a good stunt so the stunt night will be a success we are keeping all our plans to ourselves.

It looks like spring is at last here and everybody is considering whether they should put up their winter clothes. When Mr. Rule starts making his tennis team jump rope and Coach begins his spring football practice spring will then be felt fully in more ways than one. Then about that time people will start wondering who will make up the mighty M. B. A. golf team. Three of the five letter men graduated last year so it will be quite a struggle to find the ones to replace them.

It was really too bad when Bill Wade fouled out in the M. B. A. East game. Most people figured that the referees had something to do with it that wasn't exactly on the up and up but there is a rumor going around that he had been beating around the Bush too much. I wonder.

Walter Noel asked me to tell all red blooded M. B. A. students and especially the seniors who would like to make as much as \$10.00

## "Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

A few were dissatisfied with what was said about them in the last issue by yours truly, but one just can't overlook the fact that MacFall is always willing to take a Gamhill, Martha Ann, that is.

Wanna see sumpin comical? Just look around for Brickey (Mrs. Campbell's pet) Teas and a certain girl, "Hugging and Chalkin". But Jim Napier isn't singing the "Too Fat Polka". It take very little to please him.

The last of Jan. was a snow plow's hey-day. The two days after the holiday were worse than the two we got off. Can't figure it except there was a good movie in town that Mr. Sager didn't want to miss.

What's "Liddy's" last name? Or has Dopey been introduced yet?

Bob Swancy is gonna take Medicine at Vandy, but we doubt if he'll ever get well.

O yes, everyone sent Harry Corson flowers when he cut his foot. We don't see how an accident in the bathtub can be serious but it has been suggested that Corson takes a bath again, sometime.

It you are disgusted with the snow, and the homework that winter represents, remember Shelly says: "If winter comes can spring be far behind?"

## BOTTOM

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When will this inquisition stop. That scorches all our youthful crop.

And drives the rest too far insane Beyond control of night and maine.

And that curd chant comes back again:

"The Head's will is the wind's will And the hours he gives are long, long hours."

Some day not far from now A noble knight shall come I vow.

And slay this treacherous smoe, So from this time hall I can go And a new song comes to me:

"The Head's will was the wind's will."

BUT IT'S A HURRICANE.

## LIBRARY

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any superior to the other's. Birds of America has a much larger written text with more elaboration on each characteristic of the bird. In general both books tell the bird's range, his habitat, his identifications, the type and number of eggs, and his main diet.

These books are reserved in the library at all times for your enjoyment.

## Exchanges

M.H.H.: "Your kisses make me long for another."

Burch: "Another kiss?"

M.H.H.: "No, another man."

—Purple and Gold

Stenographer: "Your little girl wants to kiss you over the phone."

Busy Manager: "Take the message. I'll get it from you later."

—Purple and Gold

Surgeon: "I feel duty bound to tell you that four out of five patients die under this operation."

Now, is there anything that you would like me to do for you before I begin?"

Colored Gent: "Yassuh, kindly hand me mah hat."

—Purple and Gold

the easy way by selling ads, to come and see him before it is too late and all this prize money has been taken. Remember don't wait until tomorrow, go and see Walter now.

**Union Sealtest ICE CREAM**



## "MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Couch-lams . . . At the M. B. A. East game a cop caught Price firing a water gun at Spickard and took Price to coach to see what punishment he would recommend. To the cop's query Coach replied, "Can't say, used it myself last game. (Incidentally he did . . . his shot hit Hawkins in the back of the neck.)"

Remindful of the talkativeness of women is the fact that Munson while broadcasting high school games always keeps his hand clasped over the ear nearest to his wife.

Congratulations to . . . Charlie Hawkins for the fine performance that gained him a berth on the All-Eighth District Tournament team . . . Bob Veach for the swell game he played in the M. B. A.-West game . . . Jim Morris for having the highest average among his team mates of field goals made out of field goals attempted . . . The whole school for the noise made at the M. B. A.-East game.

Did the shot which Morris sank immediately before the half in the M. B. A.-West game leave his hands before or after the buzzer sounded ending that period?

Who the members of this year's golf team will be a puzzle. John Ambrose will play the number one spot and David Wiley will probably be close behind him. As for the other positions your guess is as good as the next person's.

Chances are excellent for M. B. A. having one of the top basketball combines in the state next year. The Maroons will probably line up something like this: forward—Morrissey and Veach; center—Hawkins; guards—Worrall and either Blackard, Morris or Don Wade. Bobby Chickley seems a good choice for the eighth man on the squad.

It's hard to see how Bobby Worrall missed getting one of the guard spots on the first string of the Banner's All City.

It looks as if next season M. B. A., for the first time in five or six years, will have an easy time with West. The Blue Jays will win all of the boys on their starting five this year.

In John Jay Hooker M. B. A. has one of the state's top Junior Varsity players. Although he will be ineligible for play as a member of the team, he will furnish good competition for the tennis squad.

## Junior Varsity Tops West

Avenge an early season loss, the Maroon Junior Varsity toppled the West B team 23-21 on the Blue Jay courts, Jan. 23. In the initial quarter, the lead changed hands several times. Jack Fore, new addition to the club since mid-term exams, hit on a crisp shot to put M. B. A. on top, never to be headed. Billy Bryan then tallied on another crisp to give the Maroons an 8-5 first period advantage.

At half-time the Maroon Varsity was still holding on to its three point lead and was ahead 15-12. In the third quarter the Maroon defense took the situation well in hand, holding West to one field goal while chalking up seven points themselves.

The Blue Jays staged a last period rally, pounding the hoop for seven markers, but it ended two points shy of M. B. A.'s total for the night. When the final horn sounded, the Junior Varsity had a 23-21 ball game under its hat. This was the Maroons' third consecutive victory and their sixth win in nine starts.

Centers Stirton Oman and Jack Fore were the leading scorers for MBA with seven and six points, respectively.

Jan. 24, the B team meets North's Junior Varsity on the Maroon hardwood.

# Maroons Win Second From West Blue Jays

## B Team Tourney Opens At M.B.A.

For the third year Freshman-Sophomore teams are competing at M. B. A. for the Inter-scholastic League B team championship. Run on much the same order as the Eight District Championship at Father Ryan and the Seventh District Championship at Isaac Litton, this tournament is open to any team that wishes to compete. All players are governed by T. S. E. A.A. rules concerning eligibility and cannot be further advanced in school than the Sophomore year.

First conceived by Coach Allen three years ago, it has been his show all the way. The championship has been won by M. B. A. once and once by Dupont. There is no trophy other than the one awarded to the winning team each year i.e. no rotating trophy.

This year, during the regular season, Mr. Hackman's boys have been playing teams on which juniors and sometimes seniors played and so do not have an especially enviable won-and-lost record. However, in the opening game of the tournament, they beat Ryan, to whom they had lost twice previously, by eight points. Thus, since in the tournament they will be competing only with boys their age, they have a pretty fair chance of winning again this year. We all hope that they will be able to bring home a second "B" championship.

## Character-Catches

LARRY MUNSON

For the past year a young man named Larry Munson has been gaining quite a reputation among Nashville sport fans for his announcing of the local sport events. His unique ability to catch the action of a game and bring it into the listener's own home has been gaining him weekly a large audience. This ability stems from a colorful personality and a natural talent for athletics.

This talent was developed while Munson was at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here he participated for three years in basketball, football, and track and was outstanding in each. After a half months later, having found the competition in athletics very tough, Munson transferred to Moorehead State Teachers College where during his junior and senior years he took part in track, basketball, and football.

Munson's interest in radio first became evident in 1943 while he was employed by the Ford Motor Company to test-drive tanks. This interest caused him to attend night school to study radio.

After the completion of his course in radio, he obtained a job broadcasting the service football games (in which such stars as Buddy Young



played) to the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Munson was next employed by a regional network of eleven ABC stations to broadcast major league baseball, football, and basketball. He traveled for a season with Oklahoma A. and M. and Wyoming State University covering their basketball games. He was sent twice to Madison Square Garden by the network to announce these games. He remained with these eleven stations until the middle of 1946 when WKDA secured his services.

Munson met his wife, Kay (see picture), two days after his arrival in Nashville. He had his first date with her a month later and on their next date they decided to get married. Incidentally, Mrs. Munson was formerly on the radio herself.

### Munson's Opinions

Munson has very specific opinions concerning the various sports. He believes that Hank Iba, coach of the Oklahoma Aggies, is the greatest basketball coach in the nation and that Ed Shelton, mentor of Wyoming State's basketball team, is second best. He also thinks there are only three teams in the Southeastern Conference which could compete with (Continued on Page 4.)

## Manager Vaughan

The purpose of this article is to recognize and commend the thankless job of managing the various



teams that Billy Vaughan has been connected with.

Billy has been managing for two years out of the four that he has attended M. B. A. He has managed football, basketball, baseball both of those years. His favorite game is football, but if you remember his first night as manager you might not think so. As you may recall, Billy dashed madly onto the field, slipped up, and fell flat on his face, while water bottles flew in every direction.

Managing all athletic teams except for two years is a mighty big job, requiring a great deal of patience and understanding. There are a great many tasks which each sport present and Billy has to cope with them all.

Perhaps some of us don't know what duties are connected with (Continued on Page 4.)

## MBA Tips Howard; Drop Rebels, 46-35

In a game which would determine the seedings in the coming Eighth District Tournament, the Maroons of M. B. A. humbled Howard's Johnny Rebels 46-35 before a capacity crowd at M. B. A. Tuesday night, February 10.

The Rebels, having beaten Ryan and come within one point of tripping West, were naturally regarded as dangerous and were rated by some over the Maroons. After the first quarter, however, they never headed the Big Red. The score at the end of the first period was 13-7 in favor of Howard. The Maroons then came back strong in the second quarter to score ten points while holding the Reds to two, the score at half-time reading 17-15 in favor of the Red Team.

Howard scored 11 points to the Maroons' 17 in the third quarter to make the score at the end of this stanza 34-26 for M. B. A. The Maroons tallied 12 points to the Reds' 9 in the final period, winning the game 46-35. Jim Morris was credited with putting M. B. A. back in the first quarter, scoring 11 points in the second period. Sort's sounds like kitchen (who keeps All-Americans on the bench) when we have subs this good. Bobby Worrall of M. B. A. and Richard Herald of Howard tied for scoring honors for the night, each tallying 11. Next for the Maroons came Jimmy Morris and Chuck Hawkins with 9 a piece, and Jimmy Morrissey with 8.8. For the Reds it was Johnson with 9 and Reasonover with 7.

Pos.—M.B.A. (8) Howard F.—Morrissey (8) Beck (2) F.—Veach (2) Herald, R. (11) C.—Hawkins (9) Johnson (9) G.—Worrall (11) Reasonover (7) G.—Wade, B. (7) Curran (5) Subs.—M. B. A.: Morris (9), Blackard, Wade, D.; Howard-MedMedlin (1), Herald, G., Pinegar.

## Corson Wins

In a second round intramural tilt, Harry Corson and Co. swept to their second victory, squeaking past Werthan's scrappy quint, 19-17. The end of the first period brought a 4-4 tie, but Corson's team found the range and racked up eight points, holding their opponents scoreless and held a 12-4 advantage at half-time.

At the close of the third quarter Corson's "5" were still in the lead, 16-10. In the final period, Werthan's combine turned on the heat, but not enough to overcome Corson's team which managed to edge out a slim 19-17 victory in a mad finish.

Pos.—Corson (19) Werthan (17) G.—Womack (8) J. Napier (4) G.—Blackie (1) Roberts C.—Bomar (2) Bivins (5) F.—Corson (4) Dickerson (6) F.—Hardcastle (4) B. Davis Subs.—Werthan (2).

## Wallace's Team Wins

In the first round of the Junior-Senior intramurals, Jake Wallace's "5" swept to a slim 23-26 victory over Ed Nelson's combine. At the end of the first period Wallace's team was on top 4-3, but at half-time Nelson & Co. took advantage of a couple of free throws and held an 8-6 advantage.

In the third quarter Wallace regained the lead, 16-14, and managed (Continued on Page 4.)

## Maroons Win Second From West

Edge Out Blue Jays, 51-49

The night of Friday, January 23, the M. B. A. Maroons traveled to the home of their arch-rival, West High, and proceeded to beat the Blue Jay cagers 51-49.

With the Maroons playing on an unfamiliar floor, many though little of their chances. But they gave a hint of their danger early when they led the Westerners 13-11 at the first quarter. A note of interest is the fact that all of the Jay's eleven points in the quarter were made by Bob Dudley Smith. Jim Morris and Bob Veach, made eligible only two days before by the beginning of the second term, both scored fielders in this quarter.

During the second quarter, West put on the steam and tallied 19 points to the Big Red's 11, giving themselves a 30-24 lead at the half.

The third quarter was exactly the opposite of the first, with West scoring 13 and the Maroons, 11, thus extending the Jay's advantage further to 43-35 at the third quarter. The last quarter was all M. B. A. with the Maroons tallying 16 to the Jay's 6, thus ending the game with M. B. A. ahead by two points, 51-49.

This was the first time in three and one-half years that West had been beating on its home floor. Doubtless other teams would have performed the feat earlier had it not been for Bob Dudley Smith, who was high scorer for the night with thirty points, two short of an interscholastic league record. Chandler scored nine for the Jays. Bobby Worrall was the big gun in the Maroon attack with 12 points, while Jimmy Morrissey and Charley Hawkins were not far behind with 11. Bob Veach contributed 10 points to the Maroon cause.

Pos.—M. B. A. (11) West F.—Morrissey (11) B. Smith (30) F.—Veach (10) Chandler (9) C.—Hawkins (11) Pepper (7) G.—Worrall (12) Wainwright G.—Wade, B. (4) Daugherty (3) Subs.—M. B. A.: Morris (3), Blackard; West: Klein.

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## Personality of the Month



Our personality of the month is Robert Brown. Bob, who is in his fourth and senior year at school, has distinguished himself in all three phases of student life—scholarship, leadership, and athletics.

First, here is a glimpse of his scholastic honors. Bob's name has been absent from few privilege lists; he has always maintained a high average in all of his classes. He has won the sophomore English medal, and the chemistry medal. Bob was a member of the Junior National Honor Society, until its departure from our school. In the field of leadership, Bob, has capably filled several class offices. He was vice president of his freshman class, and secretary-treasurer of his junior class. Bob is a member of the Key Club and the Honor Council. He was also one of M. B. A.'s representatives to Boys' State last summer.

Bob played crotin football in his sophomore year and during his junior and senior year played Varsity football. Bob not only made the first team, but became a standout lineman. He was recognized by Coach and students alike as one of our most dependable linemen.

Bob's favorite sport is football. His hobby is camping. Bob is a great outdoorsman, and he loves nothing better than fishing, hiking, and camping. His favorite food is fried chicken—whose isn't? Both his favorite and hardest subject is English.

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improper thoughts?  
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When the Dr. asked Jarman what kind of stich he preferred Franklin answered brightly, "Oh, just suture self, Doc."

Susie had a nice new skirt  
So bright, so neat, so choosy;  
It never showed a speck of dirt,  
But, gosh, how it showed Susie.

J.T.Y.: Call me a taxi.  
Jarman: O.K. You're a taxi.

Price: What makes you so popular?

O.A.W.: My line.

Price: Your line?

O.A.W.: The line of least resistance.

Mary had a little swing

It wasn't hard to find

For every where that Mary went

The swing was right behind

## CHARACTER-CATCHES

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the basketball teams in the Rockies. These are Kentucky, Tulane, and Tennessee.

According to Munson the prep schools of Tennessee are far superior in football and basketball to the schools of the Mid-West; also the college football is better here than in the Rockies. Munson (who is quite a fisherman) believes, however, that the fishing in the Rockies is much better than in Tennessee.

Munson's favorite hobbies are fishing and hunting. When he was six years old he owned a shotgun and when he was eight, a fishing rod.

His favorite sport is football and he would rather announce football than either basketball or baseball. He would also rather make "live" broadcasts than those in which he makes his own sound effects.

As for his plans for the future, Munson has bought a house and plans to stay here if the smog doesn't drive him out.

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## Cooties Rip Duncan B Team, 44-20

February 3, Fess Hackman's powerful Junior Varsity roared to their seventh win of the season, blasting Duncan's B team 44-20 on periods, Duncan was able to register only one field goal while M. B. the Maroon court. In the initial A. racked up seventeen markers. In the second quarter the JV's second string started and were held to two points. At halftime the Maroons were in possession of a commanding 19-8 advantage.

Duncan showed a resemblance of an offense in the third period, chalking up ten points but it was no match for the smooth rolling Maroon combine which raised its total to thirty-three. In the final quarter Duncan mustered two free throws to end their scoring for the night. M. B. A. was still going strong and in the fading minutes Inman Fox hit a crisp shot for the game's last score. The Junior Varsity left the court with a convincing 44-20 victory.

Billy Coble and Billy Bryan copped the scoring honors with 13 points each. Robert McNeilly and Jack Fore shared second place honors with 6 marks apiece.



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## WALLACE'S TEAM

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agrd to hold on the two point margin and eke out a 28-26 win.

The high scorer of the game was Moore Milam with nine markers. Jack Leech and Billy Price were tops for the losers with seven and six points, respectively.

Pos.—Wallace (28) E. Nelson (26)  
G—Miller (5) E. Nelson (4)  
G—Milam (9) Leech (7)  
C—Wallace (5) Wiley (4)  
F—Bainbridge (4) J. Engle (3)  
F—Noel (5) Price (6)  
Subs—Swaney.

## MANAGER

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managing a football, basketball, or baseball team. First, take football. His two main duties are to attend every practice and keep the players supplied with fresh towels. The lesser duties are: Keeping up with the footballs; furnishing equipment before games; helping Coach tape ankles before games; keeping hoods straight; furnishing water to players at time out; and, most tiresome, listening to unsatisfied players' gripes.

Of course, in basketball he attends all practices and furnishes towels. During games, there are individually owned jackets, and T-shirts which have to be kept up with.

In baseball, there are always foul balls to be found and blame to be taken for the lost ones. This naturally falls on Billy.

Billy has been an excellent manager in the past and, we know, will continue to be so in the future.